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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ON FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

1. DURING AN ADDRESS TO A CONFERENCE OF ACADEMIC VICE-CHANCELLORS IN NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 30, PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS EXPRESSED HERSELF ON THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES. CITING "SUBTLE INFLUENCES... WORKING IN THE COUNTRY'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING." THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED QUOTE SOMETIMES THEY ARE POLITICAL IDEAS WHICH COME IN THE GARB OF RELIGION OR DEVOTION TO LANGUAGE OR SOMETHING AKIN TO THIS WHICH SEEM FAR REMOVED FROM POLITICS ITSELF AND QUITE OFTEN THEY ARE FOREIGN INFLUENCES. WHEN WE TALK OF FOREIGN INFLUENCES, THERE IS IMMEDIATELY A FEELING THAT# ARE COMING IN TO DISRUPT THE GOVERNMENT OR DISRUPT THE COUNTRY. THAT MAY BE ONE PART OF IT. BUT I FEEL THE MORE DANGEROUS PART IS WHEN THERE IS A SUBTLE ATTEMPT AGAINST OUR NATIONALISM. END QUOTE. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC BUT DID SAY ONE COULD NOT BE A GOOD INTERNATIONALIST WITHOUT BEING A GOOD NATIONALIST.

2. IN COURSE OF HER ADDRESS MRS. GANDHI AFFIRMED THAT SHE BELIEVED IN ACADEMIC FREEDOM BUT ALSO CAUTIONED THE "SUCH FREEDOM CANNOT BE CONVERTED INTO POLITICAL LICENSE."

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3. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE ONLY THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, WE DO NOT KNOW  
EXACTLY WHAT MRS. GANDHI SAID OR WHAT SHE MEANT BY THE REPORTED  
STATEMENTS.  
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NOTE BY OCT: #TEXT AS RECEIVED.

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